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## JEFFREY VEREGGE



Jeffrey Veregge, 50, passed away April 12, 2024, after a courageous battle with lupus. A member of the Port Gamble S'Klallam Tribe, Veregge created a style he called "Salish geek," which combined Native American art, graphic design and comic-book heroes. His striking covers on *Red Wolf* and *Heroes Reborn* stood out from everything else on comic shelves. In 2018, The Smithsonian opened Veregge's exhibition "Of Gods and Heroes," which included his epic mural for the Museum of the Native American in New York. His work on comic covers and in public spaces leave a fantastic legacy that will long be remembered. Our hearts go out to his family and friends.





BORN WITH ABILITIES BEYOND THOSE OF NORMAL HUMANS, THE MUTANT SUPER HEROES KNOWN AS THE X-MEN USE THEIR UNIQUE POWERS TO PROTECT THE WORLD—A WORLD NOW UNDER THREAT BY A VAMPIRE INVASION! A GROUP OF VAMPIRES KNOWN AS THE STRUCTURE ENGINEERED A SIMULTANEOUS ATTACK ACROSS THE GLOBE, USING DARKFORCE ENERGY TO BLOT OUT THE SUN. NOW VAMPIRES HAVE BEEN UNLEASHED UPON HUMANITY AND MUTANTKIND ALIKE, CAUSING VIOLENT CHAOS.



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## SIBERIA. THEN.

Back when I was easily enamored by childish things--and childish fears--my father would tell me stories of the *bogatyr*s.



Of these warrior knights, *Ilya Muromets* was my favorite. After all, we almost shared the same name.

A sickly Ilya was confined to bed for 33 years. However, one day, he was visited by two strangers.

"You must keep going, Ilya," they urged. "Get up--for you are completely cured!"

And with that, he was miraculously healed, gifted with super-strength.



With his life renewed--with his new start--he dedicated himself to fighting the monsters threatening the land.



Ilya became a hero who could *banish* darkness, with the strength to promise everything would be okay.

My father would then close the book and tell me: "Be brave, Ilyana--"





"...you must  
keep going.

SIBERIA. NOW.

"Even when the evils  
around you seem  
insurmountable."

I can't!  
Sob+ I  
can't--

No. You  
keep running.  
Anya! We don't  
stop--

Aargh!!!

Nikolai!





How funny. She thinks she can help.

Let him go, you vampire!

How about this? I'll be nice. I'll give you one try to save him.



But only one. You've caused enough trouble. It's time to come back home.

While we appreciate your enthusiasm, we can't have you running before your hunt begins--



?!



Am I interrupting something?







LATER.

It's nice to meet you, Anya. My name's Iliana.

Are you really sure you're okay?

Barely a scratch. The real question is, are you two okay?



No. How is any of this fine? Our village has been overrun with vampires.

Our parents barely gave us time to escape, and we just--



They destroyed our home. They're hunting us for sport.



I know. You don't have to explain. I was visiting my hometown to clear my head when this all started.

But even before that, I watched my last home be destroyed. My family scattered.\* So I promise I won't let yours be. I'll make sure--

\*See recent issues of X-Men! --DS



Help me! Help--













I leave for but a moment and you return to savagery--to acting like *animals*.

What is the point of these *blackened skies* if we stay in the shadows, lunging at any scrap thrown at us?

Our lord, Varnae, would be displeased that you waste this opportunity--this blessing--to become something more.

That you squander his gift of eternal darkness.

Disgusting.

What a waste of good prey.

Men! Who are we as a people? We are not monsters. We are hunters. Artisans. We are *evolution*.

These hunts are a reward and celebration for the time we've spent in hiding. Let us *savor* our meal.

Let us *rejoice* in this new age.

**ILYA!  
ILYA!  
ILYA!**





Don't worry, children. I reward those who do well in battle. You will be released into the forest and get a fighting chance to--

Well, not escape. No, that won't do. But if you survive, we will *welcome* you in with open arms.



How kind of you.



After all, miracles don't exist, child. *Magic* does.

How else do you think I received this gift?

If you prove yourself, maybe you will return and be made *anew* as well.


Ilya, right? Sounds familiar. Any relation to Muromets?

Ah, it always *pleases* me to meet an acolyte. The story had some falsehoods, but I didn't see much of a reason to correct it.









Funny.  
I could say  
the same  
to you.

Let me  
introduce  
myself. My name  
is Iliana Rasputin.  
And I was forged  
in the fires of a  
hell far worse  
than here.

But to you  
monsters--you  
may call me

**Maqik!**

What a  
poor decision  
to cross my  
path.

For my  
hunt has  
finally begun.  
And you are  
first on my  
list.





Don't worry. I'll at least try to give you *vampires* a fighting chance.

Too afraid to face me? How *pathetic*.

I didn't manifest my *Soulsword* just for show.

You know, I heard rumors of this village. But I couldn't pinpoint the exact location until you were *nice* enough to capture me.

Just like now.

Both times were a *mistake*.

You should have never let me in.







## ILYA'S STRONGHOLD.

Did you see their faces?! How surprised they looked?

What else can you expect from a bunch of *lowly* humans?



What good are they for if not to hunt--?



**TSCH**

Correction. What good are you *vampires* for if not to hunt? Not that it *will* be much of a pursuit.

After all, this "*lowly*" human's X-Gene allows her to teleport to wherever you may run.



Your turn, Ilya.







So, you did return. What a pleasant surprise.



But can you keep up, little human?

Your lackeys thought so--



!##%&'()\*



Oof!









What were you saying? I needed time?



Good thing we have plenty. I'm going to enjoy taking you apart.



slowly.



What a pathetic excuse for a king. You would never have lasted a day ruling Limbo.



I sat in a cage for two hours just for you to run away?

Fine. Let's see who's really faster.





My portals  
are static. But  
that does not  
mean I have to  
be. Gravity  
is my friend--  
despite how  
it tears at  
my body.

Getting closer  
and closer.  
Accelerating  
toward  
my prey.

Until I hit  
my mark with  
the force of  
a supernova.







In my *darkest* hours in limbo, I would go back to my father's words. The storybook we shared.

In my mind, Iiya would become *Ilyana*, and I would think of my future.

CRUNCH  
CRUNCH  
CRUNCH

"With her life renewed--with her *new start*--she would dedicate herself to fighting the monsters threatening the land.

"Even if those around her thought she was *one*.

There you are.

"She would become the hero who could *banish* darkness with the strength to promise--

Everything's okay.

"She would keep going. She would defeat the evils that seemed insurmountable.

"She would *rise* above and reunite with her family.

"She would smile at them, *finally* and triumphantly be able to say--"

Let's go home.

END.



# BLOOD HUNT

## CHECKLIST

### JUNE

- **BLOOD HUNT** #3
- **BLOOD HUNT: RED BAND** #3
- DRACULA: BLOOD HUNT #2
- X-MEN: BLOOD HUNT – JUBILEE #1
- UNION JACK THE RIPPER: BLOOD HUNT #2
- DOCTOR STRANGE #16
- VENGEANCE OF THE MOON KNIGHT #6
- FANTASTIC FOUR #21
- WOLVERINE: BLOOD HUNT #1
- BLOOD HUNTERS #2
- STRANGE ACADEMY: BLOOD HUNT #2
- MILES MORALES: SPIDER-MAN #21
- VENOM #34
- AMAZING SPIDER-MAN: BLOOD HUNT #2
- AVENGERS #15
- BLACK PANTHER: BLOOD HUNT #2
- MIDNIGHT SONS: BLOOD HUNT #2
- **BLOOD HUNT** #4
- **BLOOD HUNT: RED BAND** #4
- X-MEN: BLOOD HUNT – MAGIK #1
- WOLVERINE: BLOOD HUNT #2

### JULY

- BLACK PANTHER: BLOOD HUNT #3
- BLOOD HUNTERS #3
- DOCTOR STRANGE #17
- DRACULA: BLOOD HUNT #3
- X-MEN: BLOOD HUNT – PSYLOCKE #1
- MILES MORALES: SPIDER-MAN #22
- WEREWOLF BY NIGHT: BLOOD HUNT #1
- AVENGERS #16
- HULK: BLOOD HUNT #1
- UNION JACK THE RIPPER: BLOOD HUNT #3
- WOLVERINE: BLOOD HUNT #3
- AMAZING SPIDER-MAN: BLOOD HUNT #3
- BLOOD HUNTERS #4
- X-MEN: BLOOD HUNT – LAURA KINNEY THE WOLVERINE #1
- **BLOOD HUNT** #5
- **BLOOD HUNT: RED BAND** #5
- FANTASTIC FOUR #22
- MIDNIGHT SONS: BLOOD HUNT #3
- STRANGE ACADEMY: BLOOD HUNT #3
- VENGEANCE OF THE MOON KNIGHT #7
- WOLVERINE: BLOOD HUNT #4



NEXT:

**BLOOD  
HUNT**



**PSYLOCKE**

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After serving on the front lines in the war against Orchis, Kwannon is enjoying some much-deserved downtime with her new lover, Greycrow. But when darkness falls across Japan, **PSYLOCKE** will wield her psionic blade against bloodsucking creatures of legend and face a foe unlike any she's ever seen. An all-new villain emerges in the mayhem of **BLOOD HUNT!**



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